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Leyden Mass Mar 24

Mr Garrison

Inclosed is a photograph of Mr. Sumner which came upon a plate Feb 22 1877 as I was trying experiments to determine the possibility of genuine Spirit photography. No method save those ordinarily employed in the art were used and I seriously doubt whether such a picture as this was ever taken while He lived upon this side. From other experiments taken at the same time I am thoroughly convinced of the practicability of Spirit photography and hope in time to get better proofs than this. I should not have sent this but it seems that Mr Sumner desires it and therefore I send it. I have another message from President Lincoln and Mr Sumner which I may forward at the proper time. It is too vague yet to be certain. Yrs

J. C. Buddington

402 Main St
Springfield Mass
April 5th 1877

Mr Garman. Dear friend
My brother wishes me to
endorse his statement.
I do so cordially. Knowing
him to be honest in his views
regular and careful in his
experiments. I think he has
obtained a true spirit photograph
of Mr Hammer.
If you will go to B P
Brown's studio 863 Washington
St Boston
you will see the man who
got the pictures for my brother
and perhaps may verify the
statement. You will perhaps remember
meeting the young man who had a
long talk with you on the subject
of spirit return at the Hotel in Greenfield
Mass when you last lectured there
H A Buckingham

Charles Sumner to the earlest
pioneer of Emancipation William
Lloyd Garrison. The world will
yet become informed of the great
principles underlying existence in all
its varied phases and it is ~~still~~
a part of our work to give these
proofs of immortality. Should you
remain long upon the earthside it
will be our pleasure to contribute
our modicum of proof in such a
manner as shall best satisfy the
demands for accuracy. Know of none more certain
than to give such a phase of evidence
as must be conclusive to those who
understand its importance. This picture
was given under the strongest test
conditions possible to devise nothing
being used upon the earthly side
save the ordinary methods in photography
Can you ask more? Dictated